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To: Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee of the General Assembly
Subject: **Support of an Amendment to S.B. No. 467 (RAISED) AN ACT
CONCERNING STATE GRANTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES.**

For your favorable consideration:

I am submitting written testimony in support of S.B. 467. This Bill is a solid beginning to rectify an egregious fiscal burden on the good people of New Haven, I thank Sen. Looney for introducing this legislation.

I am a homeowner, who was born and raised in New Haven and returned to reside in our great city in 1993. Over the years, I have witnessed the tremendous toll that property taxes have extracted from New Haven's residential and business owners. The PILOT is a law that was enacted to ensure that city taxpayers were reimbursed for the benefits, which state law required them to provide for non-residents. The law prohibited cities like New Haven, which host colleges, hospitals, and nonprofits [that are the central hub for most of the region's special needs population] to levy taxes on these entities.

As a provider of behavioral health and social services for over 30 years in the New Haven area, I am proud of my city's social justice imperative, which support its own residents, as well as residents from surrounding cities and towns, who daily struggle with poverty and its associated psycho-social burdens. Our city's social ethos has resulted in an egregious punishment for its residents. This fact cost the city taxpayers dearly. Because the PILOT has not been fully funded, a taxation nightmare has resulted in the **over taxing of the 50% of property tax** the state lets us tax. For over ten years, New Haven taxpayers have paid a 350 million dollar tab. My fellow taxpayers and I can no longer be Our Neighboring Towns and ultimately the State's Rescuer in cost-shifting from non-taxable properties to our city's taxable properties.

I respectfully request that this bill be amended to allow for a top tier of towns, who have more than 100,000 people and who have less that 60% Taxable property, as proposed by the "People's Caucus".

Pay the full PILOT. Great thanks for your dedication to the Public Good.